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SUBJ: BANNING OF AMCIT KATHRYN JEAN TYACKE

REF: STATE 297883

1. I SAW MINISTER OF JUSTICE KRUGER THIS MORNING
CONCERNING KATHRYN JEAN TYACKE CASE AND FOUND HIM IN
UNSYMPATHETIC MOOD. HIS INITIAL APPROACH TO REQUEST FOR
LIFTING OF BAN WAS THAT HE COULD RESOLVE PROBLEM BY
DEPORTING HER TOMORROW, AS HE HAD DONE LAST WEEK WITH
GERMAN STUDENT ANTONIO KADAHLE. I TOLD HIM NO ONE
SOUGHT SUCH ACTION WHICH WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE BUT TO
COMPOUND DIFFICULTIES.

2. KRUGER THEN SHIFTED GROUND TO SAY THAT HE WAS TIRED
OF BEING PRESSURED BY AMERICANS ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE
WHO WERE ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES INIMICAL TO THE SECURITY
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OF THE STATE. THE TYACKES, HE CLAIMED, FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY.

THEY ARE NOT GENUINE LABOR LEADERS BUT PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WORKING THROUGH AN OSTENSIBLY HARMLESS LABOR-ORIENTED FRONT DESIGNED TO SERVE AS A VEHICLE FOR ORGANIZING BLACKS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. GENUINE LABOR LEADERS (HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BUT PROBABLY FROM TUCSA) HAD BEEN TO SEE HIM TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT BANNINGS AND REQUEST THEIR LIFTING BUT NO ONE SPOKE IN DEFENSE OF TYACKES.

3. KRUGER SAID AMERICANS WERE ALWAYS ASKING FOR THINGS FROM SOUTH AFRICA WHILE THREATENING TO INCREASE THEIR PRESSURE ON SAG. SPEAKING OFF THE RECORD, HE SAID THAT IBM IN PAST FEW DAYS HAD PRESSED HIM TO RELEASE LEONARD MOSALA AND HIS WIFE USING THE POINT THAT SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE CYRUS VANCE IS ON IBM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS AN ARGUMENT FOR DOING SO. HE LET MOSALAS GO BECAUSE HE DID NOT WISH TO HAVE UNFAVORABLE CLIMATE AT OUTSET WITH NEW SECRETARY, BUT HE WAS STILL IRRITATED AT PRESSURE. HE WONDERED WHAT AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP WAS WORTH TO SOUTH AFRICA.

4. I NOTED COMMON INTERESTS WE SHARE BUT ALSO SERIOUS OBSTACLE WHICH SAG RACIAL POLICIES REPRESENT TO PURSUIT OF THOSE INTERESTS. THE USG WOULD NOT DICTATE TO SAG ON ITS INTERNAL POLICIES BUT HAD TO MAKE ITS POSITION OF PRINCIPLE CLEAR AND HOPED THAT SAG IN ITS OWN INTERESTS WOULD REMOVE INPEDIMENTS TO COOPERATION WITH THE US AND THE WEST IN GENERAL. ON FURTHER URGING THAT HE LIFT MRS. TYACKE'S BANNING, HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE IT UNDER ADVISEMENT AND LET ME KNOW RESULTS OF HIS REVIEW. I DOUBT THAT WE HAVE MORE THAN A 20-80 CHANCE THAT HE WILL LIFT THE BAN.
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